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## POLITICAL.

### MR. SPRAGUE'S SPEECH.

*Upon the Arrangement of the Colonial Trade with Great Britain—delivered in the Senate of the United States 2d of April, 1832.*

MR. PRESIDENT.—The gentleman from New York, (Mr. Marcy) dissatisfied with the result of a comparison of the late and present administrations, has resorted to the substitution of a new issue. What has been accomplished in our foreign intercourse?—is the question upon which he challenges discussion. He has selected his ground, and thrown down his gauntlet. It was immediately taken up by the gentleman from Kentucky, (Mr. Clay) who at once, briefly, but satisfactorily, exhibited the superiority of our former executive. We are called upon to pursue the subject further, and I shall do so by advancing, at once, to what its friends have proclaimed, as the proudest of their diplomatic achievements, the triumph which has been trumpeted, echoed, and re-echoed from the ocean to the mountains, the ARRANGEMENT of the colonial Trade with Great Britain. This exploit has enveloped this administration in a blaze of glory, that it may be thought to require the hardihood of the Fire King himself to approach its flames—but the breath, by which it has been fanned, has too little of vitality to impart either intensity or duration. The notes of exultation which was raised, lost much of its effect upon reflecting minds, when it was perceived that these praises were rung in advance, before the work was seen, or its character known; and, of course, were to be deemed only as incense to its authors. Information that some agreement had been concluded, reached this country on the 3d of October, 1830. Immediately the loud acclaim of triumph was reverberated to the extremities of the Union. But the terms and conditions of the arrangement could not be ascertained for months afterwards. Indeed the British Order in Council did not issue until November, and the communications containing the agreement were never submitted to the public till the month of January following. Nay, so little solicitous were many, as to the character of the agreement, that they not only never examined it, but knew not in what documents it was to be found. Even during the present winter, leading, important, public journals, and, among them the Richmond Enquirer, have demanded, why did the Senate ratify the treaty under Mr. Van Buren's objectionable instructions? Again, the Trenton Emporium asserts that the treaty was unanimously ratified by the Senate, and this language is copied into the paper here, at the seat of government, and diffused throughout the country, while we all know that no treaty ever existed, the arrangement having been formed by diplomatic letters, which were not submitted for the approbation of the Senate.

I regret to say, that the delusion, thus propagated is likely to be strengthened by a letter, recently published, under the signature of the President of the United States, in relation to the vote of the Senate upon the nomination of Mr. Van Buren, in which he says that the negotiation, which had been successfully terminated, had previously received the sanction of both houses of Congress. What must be the surprise of the people, when they learn the fact, that since the termination of that negotiation, there has been no vote, no action upon, no sanction of it, by either House of Congress?

If reference was had to the Act of May, 1830, it should be recollected that its passage was anterior to the conclusion of that negotiation, and its provisions were so entirely independent of prior instructions, that every member might have voted for the former, while he condemned the latter—that there was, indeed no reference to them, either in the Act itself, or the report of any committee.

The same letter attributes the action of the Senate to motives "for interrupting an important foreign negotiation." I shall make no comment upon the indignity thus offered to a branch of the National Legislature, unprecedented and unparalleled as it is in the history of this Government. I leave it to the Senate and to the People.

The President's communication indulges not a little in self-glory, having closed a contest, which has carried on ever since our national existence. But how has it been terminated?—By a glorious triumph or an ignominious surrender?—By a victory or defeat?—That is the question.

Mr. Herries in the British Parliament, after describing it as one of the longest and most interesting of national controversies, announced that it had been brought to a close, and that AMERICA HAD ENTIRELY AND UNCONDITIONALLY

### WITHDRAWN ALL HER PRETENSIONS.

This language aroused within me indignant American feelings. What this commercial warfare, waged in our infancy, in weakness and depression—persevered in with firmness, to years of strength and manhood—and now, in our high and palmy state, terminated by an unconditional surrender! I could not believe it. It must be the arrogant assumption of a vaunting minister of Great Britain. In other contests, those of arms, her commanders had represented disaster, as success—defeat, as triumph. She had, in minor war, upon the Serpentine River, exhibited, as a holiday show, the surrender of American to British ships—while we in fierce encounter, upon the Lakes and upon the Ocean, had presented to the world the spectacle of the proud cross of St. George bowing in submission to the glorious STAR-SPANGLED BANNER.

As I then turned with joy to America for authority, to correct the misrepresentations of our enemies, so I now reverted with hope to our own envoy, to examine the representations which he had made at the court of St. James. I found, sir, that he presented to Lord Aberdeen our statue of 1830, as the basis of an arrangement. I was anxious to learn what was his construction of its provisions, his conception of its scope, and the spirit in which was to be exercised the discretion, vested by the American vessels, were suspended until the first of March last.

This temporary dispensation of onerous imposition deserves the more particular notice, because the success of certain voyages, consequent upon it, has been attributed to the recent diplomatic arrangement, thereby extending a delusive idea of its benefits, when the hurricane itself might as well be ascribed to its influence. Indeed our vessels would have derived greater advantage from that dispensation of Providence and consequent relaxation of British law, if the arrangement had never been made; because, under it British vessels participated in the transposition, while without it ours alone would have enjoyed it to the exclusion of others. This will be readily understood when it is recollected that, before this agreement was concluded, the legislation of Mr. Madison's message of December, 1816. Negotiations were attempted in 1817, '18 '19, '24 and 1826, without success. Both countries had recourse to separate and counteractive legislation, the United States by the statutes of 1827, 1818, 1820, 1822, and 1823; and Great Britain, by acts of Parliament of 1822 and 1825, interspersed occasionally by royal orders in council, and Presidential proclamations; until the trade was interdicted by each in the vessels of the other through their order in council of 1826, and the President's proclamation of 1827, issued in obedience to the express requirement of the acts of Congress. These prohibitions continued until the arrangement of Mr. McLane in 1830.

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she refused in time, of peace. After the treaty of 1815, she again resorted to her system of rigorous colonial occlusion, and we by the act of April,

1818, retaliated by the exclusion of her vessels from the trade so prohibited to us—and immediately on the 8th and 27th of May following, she, by act of Parliament and order in Council, opened the ports of Halifax in Nova Scotia, and St. Johns in New Brunswick, to American vessels.

In addition to those illustrations of their necessities, it should be remembered that, during the whole period of these restrictions and prohibitions, from the adoption of the constitution to the present day, the Governors of the different islands have, from time to time, been compelled to open their ports by special proclamation to the vessels of the United States with American produce. These dispensations have not been rare, but frequent, repeated, and reiterated, owing to periodical convulsions of nature, and other causes.

Indeed we have had a recent instance. During the last season, the Island of Barbadoes, in particular, was visited by a hurricane, leaving such destruction and desolation in its path, that it was necessary to invite timely relief by all practicable means, and, in accordance with former usage, the British laws imposing duties and charges on American lumber and certain other articles in

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in order to maintain it on our part with success.

In the first congress in 1789, Mr. Madison declared, that he would meet interdict with interdict, "until we should be allowed to carry to the West India Islands, in our own vessels, the produce of America, which necessity compels them to take." And President Washington in his instructions to Mr. Morris in the same year, says emphatically,—

"Let it be strongly impressed on your mind, that the privilege of carrying our own productions in our own vessels to their own Islands, and bringing in return the productions of these Islands to our own ports and market, is regarded here as of the highest importance—and you will be careful not to countenance any idea of our dispensing with it in a treaty."

The 12th article of Jay's treaty, which related to the colonial trade was expunged by the Senate, as utterly inadmissible. To this succeeded the wars of the French Revolution, followed by hostile orders in council, injurious decrees, and illegal practices, harassing to our commerce and destructive of our rights, and producing on our part, non-intercourse, embargo, and war. The peace with Great Britain was followed by the celebrated commercial convention of 1818. And the colonial trade was in express excluded from its operation.

Immediately therupon, Great Britain closed against us those ports in the West Indies, which had been opened

to our vessels during the war, thereby endeavoring to monopolize to herself the carriage to the colonies, but also to secure a decisive advantage, in the direct trade, with the British European possessions, by means of the triangular voyage, by which she obtained a triple freight; one from Great Britain to the United States, another from hence to the West Indies, and a third thence to England; whereas before, she could enjoy but one, that of the ponderous and bulky produce from the sugar colonies to the parent country; her ships being compelled to sail on the outward voyage, in ballast only. Measures of counteraction were immediately resort

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### JENNER.

Dr. Edward Jenner, was born May 17, 1749. After receiving a common school education, he was apprenticed to a surgeon. When his term of apprenticeship had expired, he attended the lectures of the celebrated John Hunter, and finally, became an eminent surgeon and physician. It was Dr. Jenner who first introduced the practice which is now become general, of preventing the small pox by vaccination, or by what is called cow or mare pox. This has proved to be one of the most useful discoveries, which were ever made, for it has almost abolished the small pox, that loathsome disease, for which it is substituted.

Dr. Jenner died suddenly of apoplexy, in the beginning of the year 1823.

**TALENTS IN A NAPKIN.**—A gentleman once introduced his son to Rowland Hill, by letter, as a youth of great promise, and as likely to do honor to the University of which he was a member; "but he is shy," added the father, "and idle, and I fear buries his talents in a napkin." A short time afterwards the parent, anxious for his opinion, inquired what he thought of his son? "I have shaken the napkin," said Rowland Hill, "at all the corners, and there is nothing in it."—Diamond Magazine.

**To take Ink out of Paper, and Stains out of Cloth, Silk, &c.**

Mix one teaspoonful of burnt alum, 1/4 oz. of salt of ferns, 1/4 oz. of oxalic acid, in a bottle, with half a pint of cold water; to be used by wetting a piece of calico with it; and rubbing it on the spots. (Mirror)

**DAYS OF OLD.** Forty years ago—Literature meant learning, and was supported by common sense. Refined nonsense had no advocates, and was pretty generally kicked out of doors.

**Forty years ago.**—Men of property could labor and wear homespun to church; women spin and weave, make butter and cheese, whose husbands were worth thousands.

**Forty years ago.**—There were but few merchants in the country—few insolvent debtors, and they very rarely imprisoned for debt.

**Forty years ago.**—The young ladies of the first respectability learned music; but it was the hummin' of the wheel, and learned the necessary steps of dancing in following it. Their piano was a loom, their parasol a broom, and their novels the bible.

**Forty years ago.**—The young gentlemen hoed corn, chopped wood at the door, and went to school in the winter to learn reading, writing and arithmetic.

**Forty years ago.**—There were no such things as balls in the summer, and but few in the winter, except snow balls.

**Forty years ago.**—If a mechanic promised to do your work, you might depend on his word; the thing would be done.

**Forty years ago.**—When a mechanic had finished his work, he was immediately paid for it.

### NEW FASHIONED CALASH.

Mr. Printer: my wife's coat of arms is composed of a needle, bodkin, scissors, &c. and she enjoys it so much when every part of her paraphernalia is put in requisition, that she often has two of the dress makers around her busily employed. The other day when I went home to tea, Miss Thimble was plying the needle at a great rate.

"Miss Thimble" said I, "that's a very great improvement in the article of calashes."

"What's an improvement?" inquired the fair seamstress.

"Why," replied I, having your outside rattans only eighteen inches in circumference, by which means the calash can only be attached to the back part of the head, leaving frizzles, forehead and face, beautifully exposed."

"What do you mean?" said she.

"I am speaking of the improvement in the calash you are making," said I.

"Ha, ha, ha!" vociferated the little impudent Miss—"this is the lining for a sleeve, you great ninny."

"A lining for a sleeve," exclaimed I, "for heaven's sake do let me see it!" I examined it; and by admeasurement found it to be thus: the length of the raffan at the aperture next the shoulder was 20 inches; that at the lower aperture 18 inches: that in the middle, or most bulbous part, 36 inches; the diameter of which may be ascertained sufficiently near, by taking a third of each number. How such an article may feel to the wearer, I pretend not to guess; but I should think a gentleman walking with a lady, and perceiving a bundle of rattans, bringing up against his ribs at every step, would feel rather distant.

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### L. E. L. IS. OLD BACHELORS.

Miss Lydia E. Langdon, a confirmed blue, in her novel of Romance and Reality, gives the following advice to Young Lady! looking out for an establishment—meditating on the delights of a house of your own—two maids and a man, over whom you are set in absolute authority—do anything rather than marry a confirmed bachelor—venture on one who has been successful with seven succeeding wives, with ten small children ready made to order—walk off with some tall youth, who considers a wife, and a razor as definite signs of his growth and his sense; but shun the establishment of a bachelor, who has hung a pendulum between temptation and prudence till the age of — but of all subjects, age is the one on which it is most invidious to descend."

Constellation.

**Original anecdote.**—Some time since a young man who had not seen more than half the world, attended a church which had an organ; seeing a deaf man near the altar who used hearing trumpet, and supposing the full and melodious notes of the organ proceeded from the old gentleman's artificial ear, on leaving the church said, "I'll be darn'd if that little tin horn didn't make a nation great noise."

Macon Geo. Tel.

If a woman cannot love a man in misfortune, her love in prosperity is not worth having.

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## CONGRESS.

### BREACH OF PRIVILEGE.

In the House of Representatives on Monday last, after the reprimand of Gen. Houston, Mr. Cooke of Ohio rose and said that he had in his hand a letter from Dr. Davis of South Carolina, which he asked leave to read to the chair. He proceeded to state, what is in substance given below in his written statement.—After some discussion it was voted that the letter should be read, with Mr. Cook's statement in writing. They were then read as follows:

*Boston Mass. & Post.*

Brown's Hotel, May 12, 1832.

Hon. E. COOKE:

Sir—During my examination before the House of Representatives in the case of Gen. Houston, you very impertinently asked, among other questions, my business in this city. While the trial of Gen. Houston was pending I deferred calling on you for the explanation which I now demand through my friend, Gen. Demitry.

I am, very respectfully,  
your most obedient,

E. S. DAVIS.

In connection with the foregoing note I submit the following statement:

On the trial of Samuel Houston for an assault on a member of this House, which had just terminated, a person by the name of E. S. Davis was examined as a witness on behalf of the accused, and, on his cross-examination, I prodded him several interrogatories. After he had left the stand, and while on the floor of the House, he said, apparently referring to myself, and in a tone of menace—That “there will be another haul up here” soon.

On Saturday last the accompanying note was handed me by a person calling himself Alexander Demitry. To the persons, character, and calling of these individuals, I am an utter stranger.

Had I considered this a mere PERSONAL matter, I should have passed it by, without this notice; but all the circumstances of the case do, in my opinion, preclude the idea that it is so. And connected, as this is, with other instances of attempts, by menace and violence to overawe the members of this body, and curb the freedom of debate, I have thought it my duty, in behalf of the American People, and especially that portion of them whom I represent, to present this matter to the House.

E. COOKE.

May 14, 1832. Rep. from Ohio

Mr. Crane of Ohio moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the communication of the Hon. E. Cooke, a member from Ohio, be referred to a select Committee consisting of seven members, and that said Committee have power to send for persons and papers.

Mr. C. referred to the former modes of proceeding adopted under the like circumstances, viz: by arrest, by summons, and by committee. He had concluded the last mode the most fit on the present occasion.

Mr. Boon moved to lay the papers on the table, there, as he said to sleep the sleep of death.

On this motion, Mr. Vinton demanded the yeas and nays.

They were ordered, and, being taken stood as follows: Yeas 73, Nays 96.

A debate then arose upon the resolution, in which Messrs. Cook, Burges, Reed of Mass., Peck, Arnold & others took a part. In the course of his remarks Mr. Arnold said,

He had no doubt that the facts stated by the gentleman from Ohio did constitute a breach of privilege: that

that letter, and the threat preceding it, were part of a course intended to intimidate and overawe the House. He had not a shadow of doubt of it.

The letter was equivalent to a challenge, and was no doubt intended so to be understood. It had been received on Saturday, the very day after the yeas and nays had been taken in Houston's case.

Now, Mr. A. insisted that the House had brought all this upon themselves. They had, by their own act, virtually invoked insult and outrage from every ruffian in the land.

The decision which the House had come to in the case of Houston amounted to a call, an invitation, to all the band of ruffians and assassins that could be collected, and which was propelled by a secret power that was almost irresistible.

Yes, that decision was tantamount to proclaiming to all—“come here ye assassins! assault whom you will! strike down whom you like!

you shall have free ingress and egress to our Hall, and, if you knock any of us down and break our bones we will call you before the Speaker's chair, and there, like school boys, you shall receive a gentle reprimand; and if you repeat the outrage, then you shall be reprimanded again!”

The individual who had written this letter would feel himself not degraded, but on the contrary highly elevated and honored to be sent for by the Sergeant-at-Arms.

It would be the very pinnacle of his glory. But if the majority felt, in ref-

erence to such attacks, as he did, they would be convinced that, to prevent their recurrence, they must punish such deeds in a way to make their punishment felt.

With such a band, said Mr. A. as that by which we are surrounded, rely upon it nothing short of incarceration will have any effect. But suppose the gentleman from Ohio had complied with that letter, and had consented to go to mortal combat with this band of prowling assassins, what honor could he have obtained? Mr. A. said he had all his life been accustomed to speak his sentiments freely. He should continue to do so at every hazard, and sooner than have them restrained, he would consent that the poignard should be plunged in his heart; that his blood should be poured down the gutters, and lapped by the dogs in the street. These were times which called upon the Representatives of the American People to speak their sentiments freely. (To speak, but not to act, for it was not in their power to act in that House.)

For his part, he was for tinkering no longer. But suppose the gentleman from Ohio had gone out and had been shot, would it have been a more aggravated case than that of Houston? It would only have been a murder, and none of the honorable gentlemen admitted that the House had the power to punish murderers. What punishment then would have been provided for this poor miserable South Carolinian? He was a citizen of the United States, and the other, whose case had been acted upon, if he understood the matter, was not, but was a citizen of the Cherokee nation beyond the limits of the Arkansas Territory. But here was a free citizen of the United States, who had done only what was common in his country. Suppose the case should be pursued, and adjudged to be a breach of privilege, what could the House do with Davis? Could they inflict a greater punishment upon him than they had just inflicted on the man in regard to whom a majority of the House had said that they would not exclude from the privileged seats of that Hall, a man who had knocked down a member of that house, beaten him, broken his bones, but, on the contrary, had declared, by their decision, that he should be permitted to stalk round the Hall with pistols in his belt, and his dirk in his bosom?

[Mr. Boon here interposed, and inquired of the Chair whether Mr. Houston was on trial? The Speaker pronounced the gentleman from Tennessee to be in order.]

Mr. A. resumed. He said that a man who had committed such an offence, had been solemnly permitted by a vote of the House, to prowl about its lobbies unchallenged, although it was in proof that he had, within a few feet of the Speaker's ear, declared that he would right the wrong in that House, or in the court of Heaven, and although it had been with the utmost difficulty that he had been restrained from carrying his threat into execution within the precincts of this sacred temple of Liberty, and had added profanity to his threat; yet the House had declared him to be a fit companion for themselves and by their vote had said to such a man, “Hail fellow, well met.”

(Here the Chair reminded the gentleman from Tennessee, that it was not in order to reflect upon any order of the House.)

Mr. A. said he believed that such a man was prepared to commit any crime within the whole catalogue of human villainy. For his part, he did not feel safe in the chair he sat upon. He did not know but what a Spanish stiletto might be concealed within it, which would suddenly spring up and destroy him.—[Here some words were uttered by Mr. A. which the Reporter lost entirely.]—He was not a prophet, nor the son of a prophet, but it was not difficult to predict what gentlemen might soon expect. Had not a member of that House in open debate, expressed from his place his approbation of the conduct of this man?

When Mr. A. heard such a sentiment, and from such a source, it fell like thunder upon his ears. If such sentiments were openly uttered within the House, what might be expected without? He had even seen a caricature representing the honorable gentleman from Ohio lying upon his back, with his hands and feet raised, and uttering the words which had been put into his mouth by the Senator from Missouri, he would not have suffered one dog to worry another in the manner that Houston had treated a member of that House in his presence. These were his views of the matter, and, as the House had decided that such an offence was to be punished only by a

gentle reprimand, he thought the case of the gentleman from Ohio had much better be indefinitely postponed.

The debate was continued through the greater part of the day, in the course of which Mr. Starbrey offered the following amendment.

“And that said committee be instructed to inquire whether any officer of this government has been, in any manner, concerned in advising or investigating any attack upon the members of this House, for words spoken by those members in debate, on the floor of the House; and they inquire whether the President of the United States has, in reference to a recent case of attack upon a member of this House, used language tending to encourage violence upon members, for words spoken in debate.”

The debate was finally terminated by the adoption of the previous question, which cut off the amendment, and brought the decision of the House upon the original resolution which was lost by a vote of 85 to 87.

A visitor in Union (Me.) states thus of the freshet and other matters and things.

The town of Union contains about sixteen hundred inhabitants most of whom are farmers, who are generally in superior circumstances. A number of mills also are situated here, among which are a large paper Establishment, Carding Machine, Grist Mill, Saw and Bark Mill, together with a number of other buildings connected with the water works. In this place there are four Societies, the Congregationalists Universalists, Baptists, and Methodists. A Female High School has lately been established by Miss Owen, a young lady of very superior talents. Instruction is given in all the English branches, together with the Latin, French and Spanish Languages. The terms are very low, being but \$2,50 per quarter; and board in respectable families, may be obtained at one dollar per week.

From the known character of the Instructor both in public and private life nothing is hazarded in saying that ample satisfaction will be given to all females who are desirous of obtaining an education on the most reasonable terms.

During my stay in this place, one of the most destructive accidents I have ever witnessed occurred. A Freshet, occasioned by the severe storm of last week, came well nigh inundating the town. About ten o'clock on Monday evening last, the inhabitants were suddenly alarmed by the tremendous crashing of the water works.

The dam of more than ordinary thickness (13-12 feet thick of solid stone) broke away, and let out the water with such rapidity, as to crush every thing that came in its contact, into a thousand atoms. A large Cotton Factory (unoccupied) a Carding Machine, Saw Mill, Bark Mill, and half a dozen smaller buildings, were dashed to pieces by the force of the water. Never did I witness such a scene of ruin. The water came tumbling down from nearly forty feet over our heads, and in three minutes scarce a vestige was to be seen. It is impossible to describe the damage committed by the late storm. The roads in many places are impassable, and ruin displays itself on all sides.

### YOUNG MEN'S NATIONAL CONVENTION.

#### EVENING SESSION—May 11.

Mr. KINNICKUT, of Massachusetts, from the committee appointed to draft resolutions upon such subjects as shall be deemed proper to be acted upon by this Convention, reported the following which were read and adopted:

1. Resolved, That in the opinion of this Convention, although the fundamental principles adopted by our fathers, as a basis on which to raise the superstructure of American Independence, can never be annihilated, yet the time has come when nothing short of the united energies of all the friends of the American Republic can be relied on, to sustain and perpetuate that hallowed work.

2. Resolved, That an adequate protection to American Industry is indispensable to the prosperity of our country; and that an abandonment of the policy at this period would be attended with consequences ruinous to the best interests of the nation.

3. Resolved, That a uniform system of internal improvements, sustained and supported by the General Government, is calculated to secure, in the highest degree, the harmony, the strength, and the permanency of the republic.

4. Resolved, That the Supreme Court of the United States is the only tribunal recognized by the Constitution for deciding, in the last resort, all questions arising under the Constitution and law of the United States, and that upon the preservation of the authority and jurisdiction of that Court inviolate depends the existence of the Union.

5. Resolved, That the Senate of the United States is pre-eminently a conservative branch of the Federal gov-

ernment; that upon a fearless and independent exercise of its constitutional functions depends the existence of the nicely balanced powers of that Government; and that all attempts to overawe its deliberations, by the public press, or by the National Executive, deserves the indignation of every American citizen.

6. Resolved, That the political course of the present Executive has given us no pledge that he will defend and support these great principles of American policy and of the Constitution; but, on the contrary, has convinced us that he will abandon them whenever the purposes of party require it.

7. Resolved, That the indiscriminate removal of public officers, for a mere difference of political opinion, is a gross abuse of power; and that the doctrine lately “boldly preached” in the Senate of the United States, that to the “victor belongs the spoils of his enemy,” is detrimental to the interest, corrupting to the morals, and dangerous to the liberties of the people of this country.

8. Resolved, That we hold the disposition shown by the present national administration, to accept the advice of the King of Holland, touching the North eastern boundary line of the United States, and thus to transfer a portion of the territory and citizens of a State of the Union to a foreign Power, to manifest a total destitution of patriotic American feeling; inasmuch as we consider the life, liberty, and property, and citizenship, of every inhabitant of every State, as entitled to the national protection.

9. Resolved, That the arrangement between the United States and Great Britain, relative to the Colonial trade, made in pursuance of the instructions of the late Secretary of State, was procured in a manner derogatory to the national character, and is injurious to this country in its practical results.

10. Resolved, That it is the duty of every citizen of this Republic, who regards the honor, the prosperity, and the preservation of our Union, to oppose, by every honorable measure, the re-election of Andrew Jackson, and to promote the election of HENRY CLAY, of Kentucky, and JOHN SERGEANT, of Pennsylvania, as President and Vice President of the United States.

Mr. BROWN of Maine, spoke for some time in favor of the 8th resolution.

The following is an extract from a Speech in the Convention, made by Oliver Ellsworth Williams, Esq. of Connecticut.

Mr. President: I will trespass upon your patience but a moment longer;—and that only to show the sensitiveness of a certain class of men at the approach of danger. On my journey to the metropolis I chanced to fall in, as the phrase is, with all sorts of politicians, and on one occasion, in the course of conversation, the subject of the Young Men's Convention was introduced, when one of the party remarked that although he was not in favor of the Convention, he was constrained to believe, that it would prove to be a considerable affair—that in “all likelihood” more would grow out of it, than people imagined. This man, I found on inquiry, to be, what is termed a moderate Jackson man—holding no office, and very fortunately, living in a place where none is to be had. Another was of the opinion that it was a very indiscreet measure, on the part of the Young Men, because it was calculated to disturb the harmony of the country—and it was his ardent prayer, that while Gen. Jackson reigned, this harmony, of all things else, should be preserved.

This man is a Jackson Post Master, living in an obscure village, but where the emoluments of office are just enough to keep him *this side up*. A third, who had a little more of the hero in his composition, considered this organization on the part of the Young Men, as an abominable farce, and that they had no right to interest themselves in the affairs of government, until they were old enough to cast off their swaddling clothes—but of all things, said he, that they should presume to oppose the “Hero of New Orleans,” the second savior of his country, when grey haired politicians, like Thomas Ritchie who had predicted that

his election would prove a curse, had taken it all back, and now considered him a “second Washington,” was ridiculous in the extreme. This man proved to be a Deputy Marshall, with an income of about fifteen hundred dollars, and in expectation of promotion, after the Fourth of March. A fourth, sir, a swaggering Custom House Officer, with a living in all respects adequate to his wants, was a complete roaring lion. Among other things he said, that this Convention was another “cursed federal trick,” and was got up as he believed, by the very men who rejected M. Van Buren. This, by the way, he confessed, looked a little ominous, inasmuch as it proved a late assertion of the ‘Globe,’ to wit: that Clay, Webster and Calhoun struck a bargain. But he said this gave him no alarm, as Old Hickory could afford to lose ONE of the

Rock Island, to expel the Indians, who have again invaded that part of our State.”

CONNECTICUT.—The new penitentiary at Weathersfield, it appears has yielded a revenue of upwards of \$8,000 the past year. The interest of the school fund, distributed for the support of common schools, amounted to upwards of \$76,500; the number of children enumerated between the ages of 4 and 16 years, is 85,000, making nearly \$1 for each child.

Caution. We have seen a bill of the Eagle Bank, Boston altered from one dollar to ten dollars. It was well done—the figures however, on close inspection are dim and unequal.

And as to the lads, the striplings as he termed them, he very much doubted whether there was enough in the country to make a good sized mole hill—but as they were such fools as to think they could do wonders, he, in the exercise of his benevolence, was willing they should go on. I will only add, Mr. President, that as one of the Representatives of the Young Men throughout this great confederacy, I will not take it upon me to say, that we can accomplish wonders, but this I say, that we can try.

And we will try, “striplings though we are.” We shall not be diverted from our purpose by being told that we are “fools.” Sir—Gatlin's devoted champion considered David a ‘fool’ for daring to meet him in mortal combat, when he was but a stripling—but the Lord was with David, and Goliah fell. Sir, I have reason to believe that the Lord is with us—LET THE PHILISTINES LOOK TO IT.

### 22D CONGRESS—FIRST SESSION.

In the Senate, May 25, several memorials were presented by Messrs. Dallas and Wilkins from citizens of Pennsylvania, remonstrating against any reduction of the duties on imported wool, flax, and slates. Mr. Ruggles presented a memorial signed by sundry citizens of Ohio, praying legislative interference in behalf of the missionaries imprisoned in Georgia. Mr. Chambers laid on the table a resolution instructing the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire and report if any and what further provision is necessary to enforce the decision and decrees of the Supreme Court.

The bill to recharter the Bank of the United States was taken up as the unfinished business, and Mr. Webster addressed the Senate in speech of some length in favor of the bill, when Mr. W. had concluded, Mr. Moore gave notice of his intention to offer an amendment to the bill, and moved an adjournment which was carried.

In the House of Representatives, Mr. Irrie presented a memorial from certain citizens of Pennsylvania against any reduction in the duties on imported slates. It was referred to the same Committee on the whole on the state of the Union to which the tariff bill is committed.

The Speaker laid before the House a variety of communications from the public departments. Mr. Sutherland, by consent, presented a memorial from the haters of Philadelphia, against the reduction of the duty on hats, as proposed by the Secretary of the Treasury. It was referred to a Committee of the whole on the state of the Union.

Funeral of Mr. Hunt.—The members of the two Houses of Congress on the 6th inst. attended the funeral of the Hon. Jonathan Hunt, one of the Representatives of the State of Vermont. Mr. Hunt was a gentleman of great worth, and was highly esteemed as a citizen, and as a faithful intelligent and useful member of Congress. No session of either House was held on Wednesday.

To the Farmers. The plan of Gen. Jackson's Secretary of the Treasury to reduce the duty on wool, will take thousands and thousands of dollars from the pockets of Farmers of Maine. The very proposal will probably lessen the price, the present spring. If then the Farmers obtain a less price this spring than they obtained last spring, they may consider it one of the blazes of this administration.

SHARING THE SPOILS. A son of Mr. Van Buren has been appointed to a diplomatic station at Naples; a son of Mr. Postmaster Barry, goes out Secretary of Legation with the new Minister to Russia; and a nephew of Blair editor of the Globe, has received a Judge ship in Florida.

WAR!—The Jackson (Illinois) Patriot of April 21st, says—“We stop the press to announce that orders were received last evening from the Governor, calling upon the officers of this brigade to raise 600 mounted Volunteers, to take up the line of march forthwith for Rock Island, to expel the Indians, who have again invaded that part of our State.”

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# OXFORD OBSERVER.

## The Observer.

NORWAY, TUESDAY, JUNE 4.

"Hang out your banner on the outward wall."

FOR PRESIDENT,

**HENRY CLAY.**

FOR VICE PRESIDENT,

**JOHN SERGEANT.**

### WANTED,

At this office, the following numbers of the Oxford Observer to complete files.—No. 8, vol. 8—No. 13, vol. 8—No. 7 and 14, vol. 7; Nos. 19, 20, 21, and 31, of vol. 6, for which a liberal price will be given. Also, the first numbers of the Journal of the Times.

### STATE CONVENTION.

In pursuance of a vote of the National Republican members of the Legislature at a meeting held March 2, a convention of Delegates from the several towns &c. in the State, will be held in Augusta on *The twenty-sixth day of June next*, for the purpose of nominating a candidate for the office of Governor, and candidates for Electors of President and Vice President, to be supported by the friends of HENRY CLAY, and of Constitutional Republican principles.

The NATIONAL REPUBLICANS of Norway, are requested to meet at the Inn of Mr. E. F. Béal, on Saturday the 9th inst. at 4 o'clock, P. M. for the purpose of choosing Delegates to attend the State Convention at Augusta, on the 26th of June instant—and to consider such other matters and things as the People, when met, may deem expedient.

June 3.

We this week commence the publication of Mr. Sprague's Speech upon the "Colonial Trade." All who are desirous to learn the true state of the boasted "arrangement," whereby the English Ports were "opened" to us, will find the subject ably and plainly treated in this speech. We invite an attentive perusal of it.

NEW-YORK TRAVELLER.—We have received several numbers of the above paper. It is published in New-York by Freeman Hunt, \$3 per annum. It is printed on a very large sheet, and is worthy of an extensive patronage. It is particularly calculated for the travelling public, and we would recommend it to all stage proprietors, and Inn keepers, as specially useful to them. We will forward the names of any one who may wish to take it, free of expense.

The Baltimore Convention have nominated Andrew Jackson for President, and Martin Van Buren for Vice President, to be supported at the next Presidential election.

MINA.—This notorious individual is sentenced to be hung on Thursday the 21st inst. between the hours of 9 and 12 o'clock A. M.

SNOW.—The Brattleboro' Messenger of the 26th ult. says—"Yesterday morning, we were presented with the singular spectacle, at this season of the year, of fields, whitened not with blossoms, but with pure flakes of snow."

No room for Foreign News.

### CANAL TO NORWAY.

This week we finish our remarks upon this subject, by pointing out what we think would be the most advantageous route for a canal from Craigie's Mills to Norway Village. We think the river may be made passable for boats from Craigie's Mills to the upper end of the clay bank situated a little below Merrill's bridge; here we would leave the river and follow the ridge of the high land bordering on the interval, to the foot of Steep Falls, about the distance of one mile and an half. Here we would erect a short dam, by which a capacious basin would be formed at very little expense for the accommodation of boats &c. We would feed the canal from this basin, which would be kept constantly full by the water passing down the falls. The canal may be carried upon a level to the clay bank before mentioned and thence descend into the river by one or two locks. We think this would be the cheapest route, not only because it would be the easiest to excavate, but on account of its occasioning the least damage to the water privileges upon this stream. If it should be thought expedient to carry the canal into the pond, this is the easiest route by which it can be accomplished—Boats may easily be taken from the basin at the foot of the falls into the meadow at the top of them, by means of an inclined plane; (which is much cheaper and better than locks) and thence by widening and straitening the natural current, they may be conducted to the Village and by another inclined plane, and by two locks, carried into the pond.

In making these remarks, we have been actuated by a desire to attract the attention of the public to the subject, and as far as possible, to aid in directing to the best possible route for the contemplated canal. Should any of our readers charge us with selfishness and say we have overlooked the public good and confined our remarks to the local interests of the Village, we repel the charge and assert that it is no more applicable to us, than to those who desire to carry the canal to the head of the pond. If our reader's will show us that it will be of more utility to the public to have the canal go into the pond, than to have it stop at the falls, we will withdraw our objections, but not without an argument on the subject. We have called the attention of the people of this village, to a subject which we think important for their consideration; and we think something can be said to show that the position which we have taken, is not only for the local advantage of the village, but promises greater utility to the public, than the project which we have opposed—if we are mistaken in our views, we are ready and willing to be corrected, it being our sincere desire to promote the welfare of the public and secure the best interests of the community in which we live.—[Times.]

### DIED,

In Washington City, Capt. Benjamin Burch, aged 72, a soldier of the Revolution, and for 22 years doorkeeper of the House of Representatives.

W. CASSET, FRANCIS COOK, Esq. aged 77—He was appointed Collector of the port of Wiscasset under Gen. Washington, and held that office till the election of Gen. Jackson. His remains were followed to the grave by a large concourse of people.

On the 24th inst. Charles Francis, aged 1 year and 2 months, only son of John Andrews.

And is thy lovely shadow fled!

Yet stop those fruitless tears;

He from a thousand pangs is free'd—

You from a thousand fears.

Thought lost, he's lost to earth alone,

Above he will be found,

A midst the stars and near the throne,

Which babes like him surround.

Look upward and your child you'll see,

Fix'd in his bles'd abode;

What parent would not willing be,

To give a child to God. MOTHER.

In Hebron, 3 children of Mr. Joel Barrows, with the cancer rash: Ruth Alice, May 27th, aged 5 months; Luther Adisop, May 29th, aged about 2 years; Jemima Elan, on the 30th, aged nearly 6 years. In this singular and affecting providence a promising family of children is reduced one half, and the parents left deeply to mourn the sudden death which has made on their tender offspring; but we think not without a reason of composure and submission to an overruling hand. While we sympathize with the afflicted may we learn the importance of being in readiness for trouble here, and for another and better world.—Com.

In this town, on the 11th of May, Mrs. Calista, wife of Mr. Hiram Barrows, aged 26 years and 2 months.

### Notice & Caution.

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THE public are cautioned against purchasing of Marshall Andrews of Buckfield the following notes of hand and other securities, they being the property of the undersigned, and were obtained by said Andrews by deception and without consideration, viz. One note signed by Luther Washburn, dated April 1, 1828, for \$204, payable to A. Kittridge, Administrator on Elijah Bates' estate—one signed by Peter Coburn, dated March 13, 1827 for \$156.33 payable to said Kittridge—One signed Nicholas Smith dated February 2, 1828 for \$35.06, payable to said Kittridge—One signed by Martin Harris, dated August 28, 1824, payable to Elijah Bates, for \$46—One signed by Ebenezer Rawson, dated July 31, 1829, for \$35, payable to Abiezer Andrews—one signed by said Rawson, payable to Mercy Bates, dated May 15, 1828, for \$12; one signed by Ezra Tubbs, dated April 4, 1831, payable to Abiezer Andrews, for \$20; two signed by America Farmer, dated February 7, 1829, for \$20 each, payable to Collins Woodbury; one signed by Nicholas Smith, dated April 5, 1831, payable to Abiezer Andrews, for \$20; one signed by Charles Ryerson dated September 28, 1830, payable to said Andrews for \$20; one signed by Otis Washburn, dated Feb. 20, 1829, payable to said Kittridge for \$18.65; one signed by Daniel Brock dated January 25, 1828, for \$10.10; one note signed by David Buck and Moses Buck, dated February 14, 1827, for \$3.12; one note signed by Collins Woodbury, payable to Mercy Bates for \$2.30; A certain obligation, dated March 6, 1829, for payment of interest on \$24.75 on a bond signed by Jacob Bates and Zubulon Harlow; three notes of hand signed by Henry Prentice, payable to Mercy Bates, dated May 8, 1829 each for \$50; a Mortgage deed given by Peter Coburn to said Kittridge, dated September 15, 1827; A Mortgage deed made by Luther Washburn and Abigail Washburn, and a bond from Mary Nash, H. Bates and others, dated March 13, 1827 for the payment of interest.

Those persons named above who are obligated to pay the above notes and securities are also cautioned not to pay the same to said Andrews they being accountable to us only, said Andrews having no legal or equitable interest in the same.

ELIJAH TUCKER.

MERCY TUCKER.

Port, May 16, 1832. 3w51

GEO. ROPES,

Middle-Street, Portland,

HAS received for last importations, an extensive assortment of

Crockery, China, and Hardware

GOODS,

and now offers CRATES assorted or repacked at Boston prices; elegant Blue and Black P. Dining Sets. Gold band, printed and lustre

China,

at \$3 to \$15 per set. Every description of B. P. Edged, C. C. and Glass Ware; Looking Glasses; Brass FIRE SESS; Hollow Ware—Brushes, Knives and Forks, Tea Trays, Stone Ware, Britannia Tea and Coffee Pots, Brass Candlesticks, Shoe Thread, Lasts, Shoe-Makers' and Carpenters' tools, Nails, Shovels, Cutlery, &c. &c. all of which will be sold low for cash.

May 23, 1832. 4w51

MORRISON'S UNIVERSAL MEDICINES.

JUST received and for sale, a new supply of the justly celebrated Universal Medicines, from the British College of Health, London.

Also, a Treatise on the use of the Universal Medicines, whereby a person may become their own physician. Price only 25 cents.

ASA BARTON, Agent.

June 4. 51

### New-York Hats!

JUST received by the subscriber one Case NEW-YORK HATS of a superior quality, which will be sold low for Cash.

—ALSO—

1 Bale Cotton Batting, Corn Brooms, 7 by 9 Glass, Pollock Fish, Tea, Sugar, Coffee, &c. &c.

HERE. MITCHELL.

Norway, June 4, 1832. t51

WANTED, 50 SHEEP to pasture, at 25 cents per head, during the season.

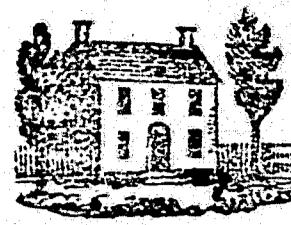
ISAAC LOVEJOY.

Norway, June 3. 51

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### NORWAY HOTEL.



THE Subscriber would respectfully inform his friends and the public that he has opened a house of entertainment in NORWAY VILLAGE, where he hopes to be able to accommodate such as may favor him with their custom to satisfaction.

EZRA F. BEAL.

Norway, May, 1832. 51

### For Sale,

A GOOD second hand CHAISE.

Also, a large quantity of Prime Salt PORK. Inquire of the subscriber,

STEPHEN CUMMINGS.

Norway, May, 30. 50

### NEW STORE.

LINCOLN RADFORD,

No. 6, Boyd's Buildings, 3d door below the Bank of Portland, Middle-Street,

HAS just opened an entire new stock of Foreign and Domestic DRY GOODS—

AMONG WHICH ARE

Broadcloths, Cassimeres, & Vestings,

Silks,

Gro de Nap, Gro de Berlin, Gro de Swiss, Synchews, Sarsnetts and Florences, Fig'd, Twilled and Flaid, Blk, White & Fancy colors.

CALICOES, from 6 1/4 to 28 3d per yard.

Printed Linens—Gingham, a great variety—Merino, Thibet, Valentia, Raw Silk & Cotton

SHAWLS & HDKFS.;

A large assortment of Gauze Barags and Fancy Hilkts.—Sheetings, Shirtings, Tickings, Checks, Stripes, Threads, &c. comprising every article usually kept in Dry Goods Stores, all of which will be sold at the lowest prices for which they can be obtained in the city.

Portland, May, 1832. 3w50

### FOUND.

ON the 16th of May, a bundle containing one Shirt, one Flag and two Linen Handkerchiefs, together with a razor and box, all of which the owner can have by proving property and paying charges. Call at the house of the subscriber.

LEONARD CALDWELL.

Oxford, Me. May, 29, 1832. \*50

Notice

I hereby give, that I have relinquished to my son, JOSEPH GREELY SWAN, his time, and declare him free to act and trade for himself. I shall not claim his earnings nor property, neither pay any debts of his contracting after this date.

WM. SWAN.

Witness, EDW'D. L. OSGOOD,

HENRY B. OSGOOD.

Denmark, May 22d, 1832. 50

### Paper Hangings.

(NEW ASSORTMENT.)

Just received six cases

French and American Paper Hangings,

containing new and splendid patterns,

among them are rich, Chintz, Rainbow,

